

REMARKS

The above amendment and these remarks are responsive to the Office Action of Examiner Dennis W. Ruhl mailed 8 Nov 2004.

Claims 48-50 are in the case, none as yet allowed.
Claims 1-47 are canceled without prejudice

Specification

The specification has been amended without the addition of new matter to more clearly focus the title, field and abstract on applicants' invention.

35 U.S.C. 101

Claims 1-4, 6, 7, 9-19, and 46-47 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101 as directed to non-statutory subject matter. These claims have been canceled without prejudice, and new claims 48-50 submitted which meet the requirements of Section 101.

35 U.S.C. 112

Claims 1-20, and 26-45 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite.

These claims have been canceled without prejudice, and new claims 48-50 submitted which meet the requirements of Section 112.

35 U.S.C. 102

Claims 1, 3, 4, 6-12, and 18 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by a live broadcast of a football game such as the Super Bowl.

Claims 1-4, 6-13, 18, and 20 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by a baseball fan purchasing a ticket to a baseball game.

Claims 1-13, 15, 18-20, 26-38, 40, 43-47 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Novais et al. (2003/0023452).

These claims have been canceled without prejudice, and new claims 48-50 submitted which are directed to a system, method, or computer program product not taught by a live broadcast of a football game, or by a baseball fan purchasing a ticket to a baseball game, or by the Novais et al. publication.

None of these references taken singly teach the specific combination of steps or structures now set forth in claims 48-50. More specifically, none of these teach the claimed combination of a vend processor and terminal, chance table with seat location, service level and corresponding selection probability, and a response control processor responsive to the seat location, service level, and selection probability for selecting video images from a plurality of video cameras selectively for broadcast, e-mail, or digital recording.

35 U.S.C. 103

Claims 21-25 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) over Novais et al.

These claims have been canceled without prejudice, and new claims 48-50 submitted which are directed to a system, method, or computer program product not taught by the Novais et al. publication.

More specifically, Novais et al. does not teach the claimed combination of a vend processor and terminal, chance table with seat location, service level and corresponding selection probability, and a response control processor responsive to the seat location, service level, and selection probability for selecting video images from a plurality of video cameras selectively for broadcast, e-mail, or digital recording.

SUMMARY AND CONCLUSION

Applicants urge that the above amendments be entered and the case passed to issue with claims 48-50.

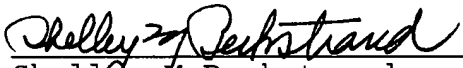
The Application is believed to be in condition for allowance and such action by the Examiner is urged. Should differences remain, however, which do not place one/more of

the remaining claims in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to phone the undersigned at the number provided below for the purpose of providing constructive assistance and suggestions in accordance with M.P.E.P. Sections 707.02(j) and 707.03 in order that allowable claims can be presented, thereby placing the Application in condition for allowance without further proceedings being necessary.

Sincerely,

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